

# Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee

February 26, 2008

6:00 P.M.

Aviation Division Office  
3561 Boeing Ave., McKinleyville

1. The meeting was called to order @ 1803 by Vice Chairman, Bill Davidson
2. ROLL CALL AND PARKING TICKET VALIDATION. **Members:** Bill Davidson, Rich Fenton, Alistair McCrone, Jack Limmer, Dennis Lichty, George Jutila. **Staff:** Jacquelyn Hulse, Jody Wells, Humboldt County Airport Division. **Guests:** Elaine Weintraub, McKinleyville Reporter, Rebecca Rimson, Bob Geleer, airport neighbors.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2008. The minutes were approved as submitted to members via e-mail. Approval moved by Bill Davidson, seconded by Alistair McCrone.
4. OPEN SESSION – Rebecca Rimson and Bob Geleer requested information regarding the General Aviation ramp development adjacent to Central Avenue. They live at 4255 Central Avenue and are concerned about noise and possible fumes from the new development. There are planned 17 - single T-hangars, 8 - 50 x 50, and 4 - 100 x 100 structures to be built out over the next few years. A discussion was held relating to the use of this “crosswind runway” at ACV and possible reasons that aircraft would be flying low over their house. There was also concern expressed regarding any possible new flight school operations at this location. Currently there is not a flight school business associated with the GA Ramp Development but, if requested, it is a permitted use for this location. Committee members commented that the Arcata airport has always been used for student flight training operations, especially on runway 01/19, which allows practice in crosswind takeoffs and landings. They were asked to call the airport with specific concerns at the time of occurrence.
5. AIRPORT MANAGER’S REPORT
  - A. Reports
    - 1) Passenger and Freight Statistics – Reports distributed to members, showing a slight decline in January, 2008 from same month in 2007, but not out of line with some previous years.
    - 2) Horizon Increasing Seats - All flights from ACV to Los Angeles are now non-stop, with the Redding Connection on the return from LA. There are 25 extra seats allotted to this market.
    - 3) Delta Flying to ACV - This service begins in early June.
    - 4) The Murray Field café “Patty’s” will open soon, as the sublease agreement has been approved by the Board of Supervisors this week.
  - B. Projects
    - 1) ACV Terminal Expansion continues.
    - 2) The GA Ramp Construction is complete and lighting was turned on during the past week. There is one aircraft tie down agreement at this time, with two earlier proposals to build hangars almost complete, and one additional person expressing interest in future hangar construction. GA Ramp @ ACV - PG&E has completed their work and lights were turned on last week. Hangar leases for the GA ramp are in front of the County Counsel for review at this time.
    - 3) EKA Security Fencing – Environmental review reports and documentation continue – a report was distributed showing progress through January, 2008.
    - 4) 3) Other Airports – The County’s future Airport Capital Improvement (AIP) plan request spreadsheet was handed out to Committee members.
    - 5) Humboldt Group is selling their hangar at FOT and the County will work with new owners to develop a new lease.

6. AIRPORT REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE
  - A. Garberville – Dennis asked regarding the trees at the north end of the airport to see if they can be trimmed to provide additional aircraft clearance. Jacque asked that he try to find out who owns the property so that she can contact them.
  - B. Rohnerville/Dinsmore – George Jutila requested maintenance on the windsock at Dinsmore Airport. Jacque reported that this will be performed during the next maintenance visit by staff. Dennis Lichty, speaking for other parties, asked if the County was interested in selling Dinsmore Airport for a possible tourist and summer camping location. Jacque said she would speak with a representative, but that the County would want the property to remain as a public use airport and any sale would require payment of full market value plus repayment of all applicable grant funds received in the past.
  - C. Murray/Kneeland – Environmental work is in progress for the runway stabilization at Kneeland.
  - D. Arcata – GA ramp now in use by one aircraft – see previous Manager's Report.
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Murray Hanger Electrification – The County is working on this tenant request and has most work complete for the hangars that have requested electrical service. A copy of a recent bill showed that other un-metered units at Murray Field had a very high monthly billing between November to December 2007. The County proposes to meter all electricity and adjust rents once individuals are responsible for individual hangar electrical usage.
  - B. Defibrillators at County Airports – Installation of this equipment may be possible, but there is not any definite approval at this time. The County Risk Manager is attending a meeting in April on the subject. Staff contacted the Eureka Police Department regarding the cost of the units they recently purchased for budget purposes.
  - C. Physical Security Manual and Checklist – George Jutila noted that the Wolf Group awards grants for aviation safety purposes.
8. NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE
  - A. Letter from Grand Jury – The Chairman's draft response letter to the Humboldt County Grand Jury's Public Works Committee was discussed and edited. Staff offered to make the changes desired by the Committee and forward the completed letter back to the Chairman for his signature and distribution.
  - B. Pilot Outreach Meeting for Rohnerville – Jacque asked that there be a meeting scheduled to listen to concerns and explain planned improvements at FOT to the pilot community in Rohnerville. This will be scheduled to be convenient for the local pilot group and will probably be on a Saturday with the Committee.
  - C. George Jutila announced that the 99's are interested in a possible Fly-In at Rohnerville on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Jacque noted that they need to obtain a permit for the event from the County. Jack Limmer offered to deliver the application to a representative.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 1903 by Vice-Chairman, Bill Davidson.
10. 2008 MEETING SCHEDULE: 3/25, 4/22, 5/27, 6/24, 7/22, 8/26, 9/23, 10/28, 11/25